PTO 1390 Page 1 of 1 US Dept. of Commerce Pat. & Trademark Office Attorney's Docket No. 22136 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES US. Application No. (if known) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APP. NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 27 June 2000 PCT/DE01/02300 26 June 2001 TITLE OF INVENTION PLUG-IN VACUUM CLEANER HOSE ARRANGEMENT APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Jürgen SCHIEMANN et al Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EU/US) the following . This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 2. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather 3. than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 317(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the 4. earliest claimed priority date. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)). 5. ■ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Patent Office. A translation of the International application into English. 6. 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)). □ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. ☐ have not been made; however the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. c. ☐ have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3). 8. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4). 9. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 10. (35 USC 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 16. below concern documents or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 11. 12. An Assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. A substitute specification. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 15. 16. Other items of information.

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